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Upgradation of Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with the Ministry to upgrade airports and aerodromes situated in tier-II and tier-III cities across the country to provide air-travel connectivity to travellers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether of late the Ministry has given approval for the upgradation of Vellore aerodrome into a major airport to serve the needs of the Vellore City, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to acquire land for the extension of the Vellore aerodrome and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): No Madam. Ministry of Civil Aviation have, however, formulated a National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 with a vision to make flying affordable for the masses and to provide affordable and sustainable air travel for passenger. The Policy provides for promoting regional connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips. Revival of 50 such airports in the next three years is to be "demand driven", depending on firm commitment from airline operators and where the State Government concerned agrees to provide various concessions envisaged in the Policy. Airports Authority of India (AAI) had also undertaken the up gradation work of airports and aerodromes in Tier II & III cities along with two Mega projects at Chennai & Kolkata and completed work in 34 non-metro airports. However, up gradation of airports is a continuous process depending on traffic demand, availability of land and resources, environmental clearance and removal of other obstructions etc.

(b) & (c): AAI has projected additional land measuring 589 acres for operation of ATR-72/Q-400 category of aircraft and 457 acres of land for operation of AB-320 type of aircraft including city side development to make airport viable.